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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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S I R :

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **April 17, 2006**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I, or Group II be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-15, without traverse.

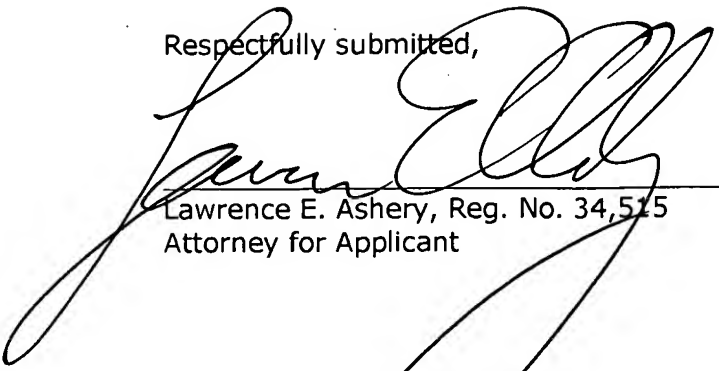
The Restriction Requirement indicated that claims 16-17 and 20-25 would be examined with Group I. Thus, examination of claims 1-17 and 20-25 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to note an error in the Restriction Requirement. The Restriction Requirement indicates that it is responsive to a communication filed on December 29, 2004. Applicant's representative filed the most recent communication on August 24, 2005. That communication included a very extensive amendment to the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the record to confirm that Applicant's Preliminary Amendment has been entered.

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